

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Professional Licensing Boards**  
**237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217**  
**October 27, 2010**  
**10:05**

**INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEWS**

OPT100025 - M.E.L. – Interview Conducted. M.E.L. was represented by Dana M. Richens.

OPT100003 and OPT11002 – Interview Conducted. Lee Gutschenritter represented licensees.

**OPEN SESSION**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. H. Kemp Jones, President

Dr. Dudley Christie

Dr. Whitman Lord

Dr. Robert McCullough

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Wylencia Moore, Assistant Attorney General

Anita Martin, Executive Director

Carol White, Board Support Specialist

President H. Kemp Jones established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The Board meeting recessed at 10:48. The Optometry Board convened as a committee at 10:50. The Committee adjourned at 11:05. The Board meeting reconvened at 11:05 and recessed at 11:15. The Optometry Board convened as a committee at 11:16 and adjourned at 11:50. The Board meeting reconvened at 11:50 and adjourned at 1:00

**PUBLIC RULES HEARING**

The Public Rules Hearing was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Board Rule 430-2-.04 Continuing Education Requirements: Approval of Educational Programs.

There were no written or public comments on Board Rule 430-2-.04.

The Public Rules Hearing was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

**Approval of the minutes from the July 28, 2010 Board meeting as amended.** Dr. Christie made a motion to approve the Board minutes as amended. Dr. Lord seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

**Licenses to ratify.** Dr. Christie made a motion to approve. Dr. McCullough seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

License Number	Name	License Type
OPT002595	Hase, Sachie	Optometrist
OPT002596	Hacker, Lauren Ivey	Optometrist
OPT002597	Leary, Michael Henry	Optometrist
OPT002598	Betton, Kimberly Marie	Optometrist
OPT002599	Dori, Sima Orion	Optometrist
OPT002600	White, Colay Anquanette	Optometrist
OPT002601	O'Reilly, Blair Francis	Optometrist
OPT002602	Chaglasian, Elyse L	Optometrist
OPT002603	Zermeno, Jacqueline Eliza	Optometrist
OPT002604	Patel, Rikti	Optometrist
OPT002605	Bain, Kristy Lee	Optometrist
OPT002606	Bowser, Steven Daniel	Optometrist
OPT002607	Gurvich, Marina L	Optometrist
OPT002608	Daniel, Kristen Renee	Optometrist
OPT002609	Duncan, Matthew Ryan	Optometrist
OPT002610	Lee, Brandi Michelle	Optometrist
OPT002611	Le, Kristy Quynh	Optometrist
OPT002612	Dau, Thanh Kim	Optometrist
OPT002613	Moore, Yun-Ping Cheng	Optometrist
OPT002614	Knabb, Natalie A	Optometrist
OPT002615	Raby, Valerie Cecelia	Optometrist
OPT002616	Stewart, Kellie Elizabeth	Optometrist
OPT002617	Walston, Jason Kerry	Optometrist
OPT002618	de la Riva Marcy, Rachel Ann	Optometrist

**Correspondence from Robert Barnes, O.D. re: why OD's cannot dispense/sell Lattisse.** Dr. Christie made a motion that Dr. Barnes been notified that as a licensed O.D., he can prescribe Latissee. However Georgia law O.C.G.A. § 43-30-.01 restricts dispensing of such by O.D's. Dr. McCullough seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Correspondence from Michael P. Rosenblatt, O.D. VP – Strategic Affairs, American Optometric Society.** The Board reviewed the e-mail from Dr. Rosenblatt concerning ABO certification and viewed this letter as informational. Dr. McCullough stated that some boards have regulations in place to prevent practitioners from using terms of superiority; no official vote was taken on this matter.

**Consideration to adopt Board Rule 430-2-.04 Continuing Education Requirements: Approval of Educational Programs.** Dr. McCullough made a motion to adopt. Dr. Christie seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **Correspondence from James Freund re: Continuing Education Hours**

**Classification.** Dr. McCullough made a motion to notify Dr. Freund that Board rule 430-2-.04(5)(c) allows for ten hours of CE offered by correspondence or electronic medium. Dr. Christie seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **H. Kemp Jones, O.D., Board Chair**

- Dr. Jones requested that the Optometry Board purchase a plaque for Dr. Kay Royal in recognition of her service to the citizens of Georgia by her service on the Georgia State Board of Optometry.
- Dr. Jones asked for IT to contact ARBO immediately so our system can be “set up to merge with ARBO” and come to the January 2011 Board meeting to inform the Board as to the set up. Ms. Martin provided information to the Board that the computer system we utilize already has a CE audit function with it that must be used.

### **Anita Martin – Executive Director**

- Ms. Martin stated she is working on the IT ARBO issue and will request Ms. Kathleen O’Neal speak with the Board on the issue at the January 2011 Board meeting.
- Ms. Martin shared with the Board a card from Dr. Steven J. Hovet. The Board viewed as informational.
- Ms. Martin shared with the Board the need to consider a date to have Hearings for the CE Audit Practitioners.
- Ms. Martin discussed with the Board alternative ways of dealing with the audit practitioners. Ms. Martin stated the groups left to process are:
  1. Non- resident 31-35 hours  
Dr. Christie motioned, Dr. Lord seconded and the Board voted to send a Letter of Concern stating the Georgia CE hours were not submitted to OE tracker as required. Also state that licensees will not be able to process 2011 renewals if their hours have not been submitted to ARBO OE-Tracker.
  2. Non-resident with less than less 21 hours  
Dr. McCullough motioned, Dr. Christie seconded and the Board voted to send a Letter of Concern stating that the Georgia CE hours were not submitted to OE tracker as required. Also state that licensee will not be able to process 2011 renewals if their hours have not been submitted to ARBO OE-Tracker.
  3. Residents with hours but no Jurisprudence  
Dr. Lord motioned, Dr. McCullough seconded and the Board voted to close this issue with a Mitigating Circumstances letter requiring that the licensee take the Georgia law class. Close matter upon receipt of law hours.

## Miscellaneous

- The Board voted to post a link on the website titled Advisory Statement from the Georgia State Board of Optometry. The link states:

### Advisory Statement from the Georgia State Board of Optometry.

Georgia licensed Doctors of Optometry, including those who practice as Independent Contractors, must provide copies of documentation for services and procedures billed to the patient(s) and maintain copies of such documentation on said patient(s) to reflect the eye care services that were provided by the doctor and that the patient(s) were appropriately billed for such services.

- Ms. Martin will research the reinstatement policy and provide information at the February 2011 Board meeting.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### **Correspondence from G.B.A., O.D. – Recommend denial**

**Correspondence from L.M.S., O.D. –** Notify L.M.S., O.D. that his license has lapsed because he did not renew.

### **Applications**

1. J.E.B. – Reinstatement Application – Recommend approval
2. S.J.B. – Reinstatement Application – Recommend reinstatement with a Letter of Concern citing the period of Unlicensed Practice.

### **Cognizant Report – Dr. Dudley Christie**

**OPT100012** – Recommend Close with a Letter of Concern.

**OPT100003** – Recommend Close with a Letter of Concern.

**OPT100021** – Recommend Close with a Letter of Concern.

**OPT100025** – Recommend that additional information be requested from the O.D. Upon receipt of requested information, staff will refer to Dr. Christie for review. If Dr. Christie approves, close the case. If additional information is not approved bring back to the Board for further review.

**OPT100026** – Recommend acceptance of the Cease and Desist Order on Marleny Cardona-Toro of Dalton, GA.

**OPT110001** - Recommend close with no violation.

**OPT110002** – Recommend close with letter of concern.

**OPT110006** - Recommend close with no violation

**OPT110009** - Recommend close with letter of concern.

**OPT110010** - Recommend close with no violation.

Dr. Lord made a motion to approve the recommendations in Executive Session. Dr. McCullough seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Attorney General's Report - Ms. Wylencia Monroe**

- Ms. Wylencia Hood Monroe, SAAG, provided a status report, which included information on any cases referred for action, request for advice and/or requests for authority for proposed rules.
- Ms. Wylencia Hood Monroe, SAAG, provided to the Board acceptance of Public Consent Orders on:

Adu, Agnes	Public Consent Order
Eid, Mohamed	Public Consent Order
Hampton, Ben	Public Consent Order
Linert, Kimberly Anne	Public Consent Order
Nguyen, Minty	Public Consent Order
Okor, Omono	Public Consent Order
Peed, David	Public Consent Order

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_  
H. Kemp Jones, President  
Georgia State Board of Optometry

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Anita Martin, Executive Director  
Professional Licensing Boards Division

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date